

Programmatic examples of successful integration of services to address hepatitis C, HIV and the wellbeing of people who use drugs

Association de Lutte Contre le Sida (ALCS) Experience

Morocco

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Drug use in Morocco



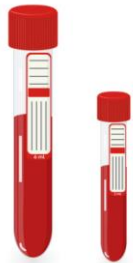
The **BIGGEST** producer & exporter of cannabis in the world



140 000 producers of cannabis, concentrated basically in the north of the country.



The use of psychoactive substances is **prohibited** by the law (possession, use, consumption, deal...).



Among PWUD*:
•Prevalence of HIV : **10,7%**
•Prevalence of HCV : **up to 79%**

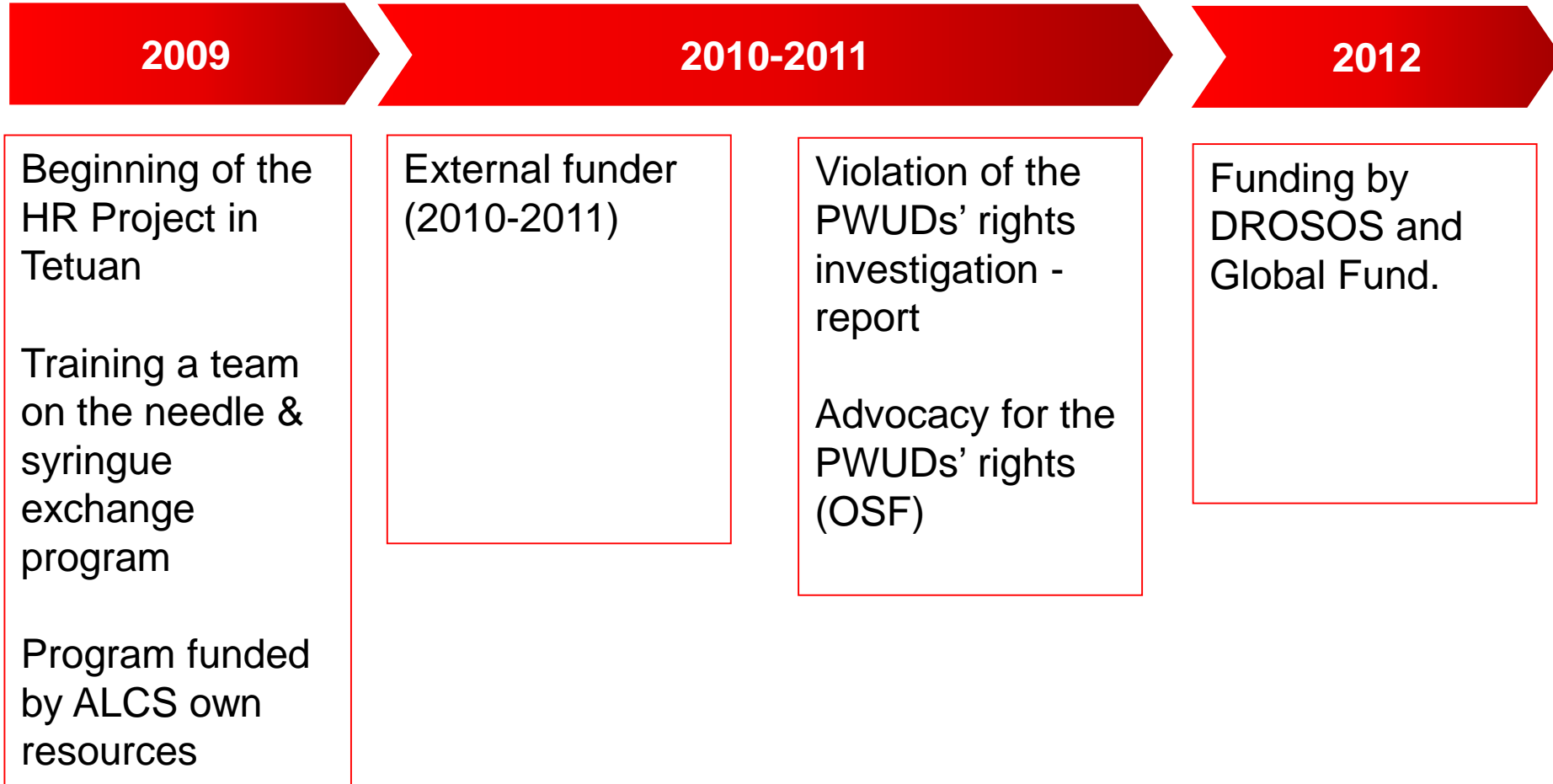
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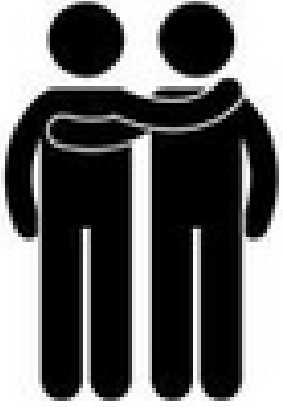
Centers of Addictology in place

The needle and syringe exchange & OAT are relatively available.

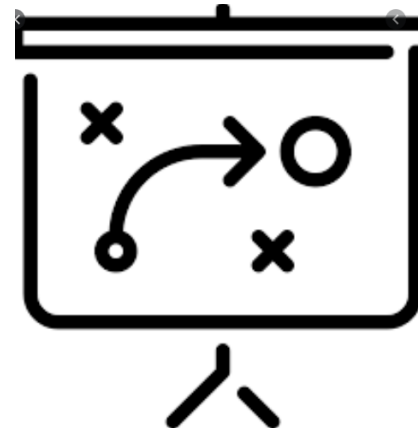
Community-based Harm Reduction Program



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Team with peer leaders



Multiple strategies



Outreach approach
since 2009



HR Community Center
Since 2012



HR Mobile Unit

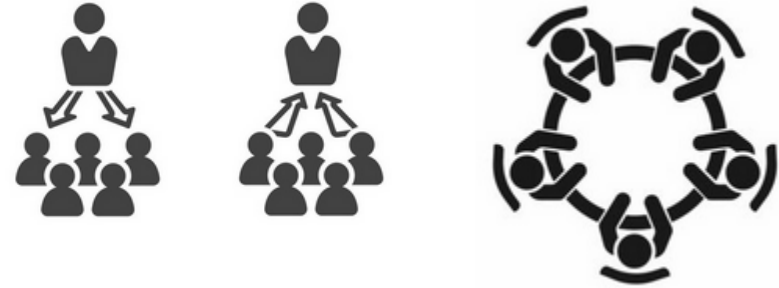
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Activities - I

Raising Awareness



Group activities



Recreational activities



Community-based Harm Reduction Program Activities - II

Screening HIV, HCV, STI & orientation for TB diagnosis



Orientation & Accompanying of PWUD to the medical centers

- The OAT Program
- The Infectious Diseases Department of MoH
- The Psychiatric Department

Distribution of prevention tools



Social & Psychological Support of PLHIV

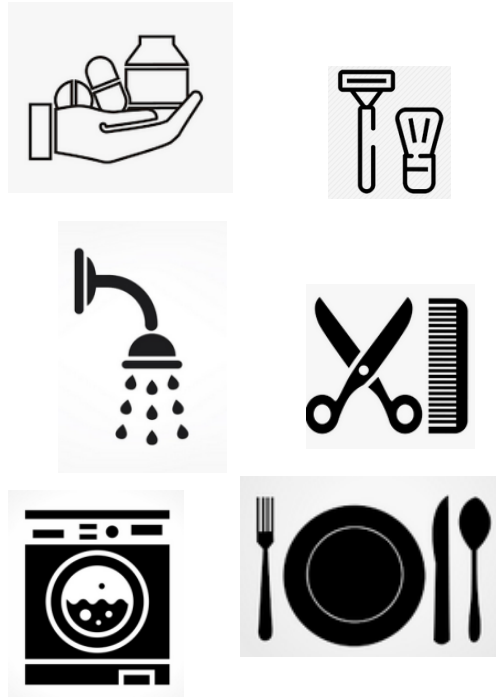
- Bio-medical support : diagnosis, purchase of medicines.
- One-on-one sessions, aid relationship.



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Activities - III

Social Support :



Social Reintegration - Family mediation



Professional reintegration



Improving professional qualifications of PWUD



Income-generating activities :
- 40 Operational projects
- Rate of reimbursement **>95%**



Community-based Harm Reduction Program in Prisons



Agreement between ALCS & the General Delegation of Prisons



Training of administrative & medical teams on :

- HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STI, Harm Reduction
- Fighting stigma & discrimination



Raising awareness of PWUD & inmates



Screening HIV & STI



Coordination between ALCS & medical teams of prisons :

- HIV Infection (Retention of PLHIV)
- OAT Program

Advocacy for PWUDs' Right to Health



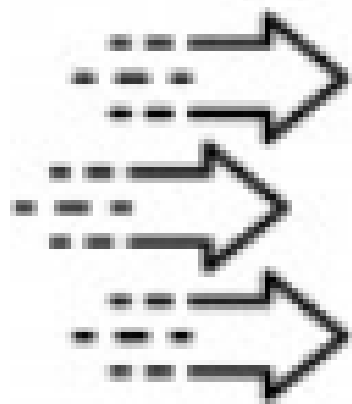
Lawyers



Prisons staff



Police



Judges & Prosecutors



Juristes



Ministry of Health

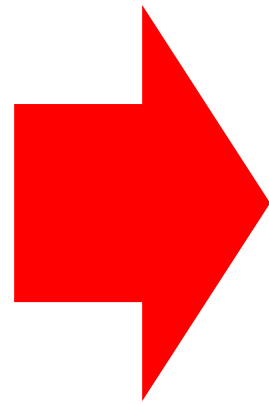


Advocacy for the PWUDs' Right to Health


**Identifying
the Friends**

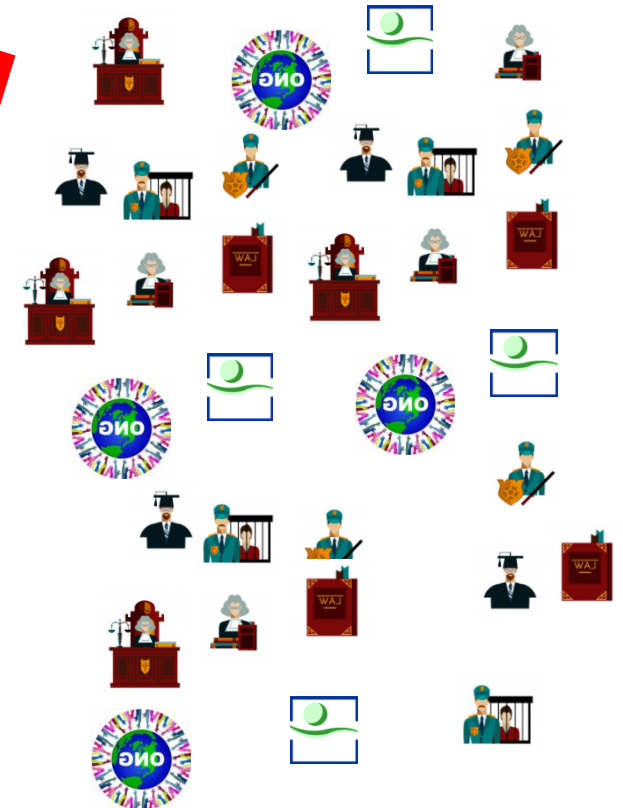
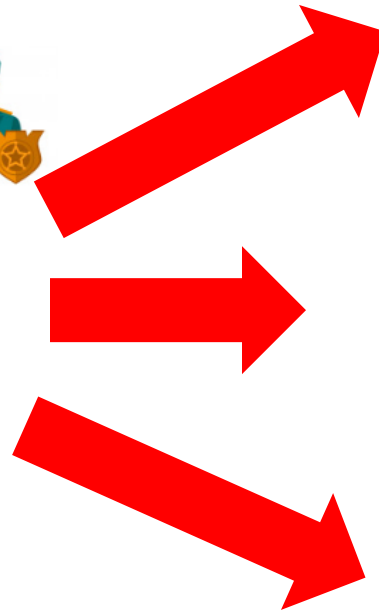



**Raising awareness
of the Friends**





**Friends recruited and their
awareness was raised indirectly**



Advocacy for the PWUDs' Right to Health



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Sent to institutions, ministries, NGO



Increase the chances of an official collaboration !

Key results of the programs

- Issuing ID and Insurance Public Card (RAMED) for the PWUD.
- ALCS is the focal points of many institutions such as MOH, DGAPR, regional governorate.
- Friends in many institutions (Ministry of Health, Police, Judges, Jurists, prison directors..)
- National debate created & launched about the repressive law.
- The Enforcement Agents of the Law have been benefiting from a training on fighting stigma & discrimination of PWUD & PLHIV.
- Incarceration of dealers not consumers (unofficial agreement)
- OAT & Naloxone are available in Morocco
- The continuum of care for the PWUD/inmates is ensured in/out of the prison
- Large pool of peer leaders of PWUD

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Conclusion

**The synergie of Harm Reduction Programs & Advocacy
can lead to change the situation of PWUD**

From :

Vulnerable, Sick and Instable people

To

People with good estime & health, financially independent & socially stable

Nevertheless, we should emphasize some challenges :

- Repressive laws
- Moraliste waves
- Lack of resources

Thanks for your attention 😊